

# NMP Online and the 6<sup>th</sup> Nitrates Action Plan

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## 1. Important Note to all NMP Users: - Clear your cache today!

- For any queries, please contact [NMPHelpdesk@Teagasc.ie](mailto:NMPHelpdesk@Teagasc.ie) or 059 9170296

## 2. What is GATE and how it will change the way you login

Additional authentication enhances security by verifying user identity. It protects sensitive data, prevents unauthorized access, and reduces the risk of breaches. By implementing multiple authentication layers, users can ensure that only trusted individuals access the software, safeguarding personal and organizational information effectively. GATE is the new way of access for users to access Teagasc NMP online and Profit Monitor. See this link for more information <https://teagasc.ie/wp-content/uploads/NMP-Bulletin-49-GATE-Registration-and-Login.pdf>

## 3. When will the NMP system be updated to take into account the changes in the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP

The 6<sup>th</sup> NAP <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2025/si/588/made/en/pdf> was signed on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and there are several changes that will affect some NMPs for the year 2026 and onwards. We are working with DAFM to get final clarifications and working with the developers to get these changes built into NMP over the coming weeks. The recent DAFM FAS training events has provided much of the clarification needed which is allowing us clarity to commence building the changes into NMP.

The following work can be completed in 2026 NMP's and the information will not be lost when NMP is updated for the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP.

- a) Update the plan settings for previous years GSR and WFSR (only DAFM interim statements available for the end November 2025 currently) so this section may need to be revisited once the end of year N&P statements are finalised. Don't forget to include ovine and equine N figures as well.
- b) Edit the concentrate page for the 2026 NMP and insert the concentrate used by grazing livestock in 2025 and put in the total N from end of year N&P statements and include ovine and equine N figures as well.
- c) Put in any new soil sample results relevant to the 2026 year
- d) Put in any new land and crops
- e) Put in any new storage facilities for slurry and FYM
- f) Edit projected stock numbers for 2026

There are several new NMP features that will appear due to the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP and we will communicate with users on this which will include the following: -

- Facility to allocate lands to the Milking Platform and if there are chemical N restrictions due to the milking platform stocking rate the system will reduce the chemical N on those plots



- Changes to the methodology for the calculation of dairy washings which will take into account the increased dairy washings figure from 01/10/2028
- Changes to the slurry production figures for dairy cows from 01/10/2028 which will be shown in the 2026 NMP's so dairy farmers can predict if they will have enough storage in the future
- New Entrants or farms with stocking rate alterations fertiliser allowances
- Silage/Hay for sale changes as per Tables 16 and 17 in the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP

#### 4. 2026 NMP's that can be completed and not affected by the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP

The NMP's for 2026 that can be completed now are as follows (will not be affected by the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP: -

- Tillage only NMP's (with no silage/Hay for sale) with no organic manures to be applied to P index 1 or 2 lands.
- Non- dairy NMP's (with no silage/Hay for sale) with no organic manures to be applied to P index 1 or 2 lands.
- Dairy farms where the Milking Platform is not affected by Table 14 in the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP (DAFM estimate that only approximately 10% of Dairy farmers are potentially affected by the MPSR chemical N adjustment. This is where the milking platform stocking rate is <259kgs N/ha; with no organic manures to be applied to P index 1 or 2 lands.
- For the NMP's above if there are no organic manures; or all the lands are P index 3 and 4 the plans can be given to farmers.

#### 5. 2026 NMP's that will change due to the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP and **CANNOT be completed at this stage**

- Where the milking platform stocking rate is >259kgs N/ha we recommend the following
  - Complete NMP as per (a) to (g) above
  - The chemical N allowances will be based off Table 14 in the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP and NMP cannot do this currently so users can
    - Use the N allowance for the non-Milking Platform area from the top of the land and fert max page
    - For the milking platform there will have to be a manual calculation of the N allowed from table 14 (until we have this built into NMP)
- For all NMP's, where there are organic manures applied to P index 1 and 2 lands and there is add-back of P due to the 50% availability rule, the advice is to remove all organic manure applications on the organic manure page so the P add-back on P index 1 and 2's is not calculated.
  - DAFM have provided clarity on the add back of P applied to Index 1 and 2 soils and this will be built into NMP after the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP changes.
- In the meantime, the P allowance can be given to the farmer, and the P add back can be calculated at a later stage.

